



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0287)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Present:            Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Commissioner Barbara Bigby,  
Commissioner Cheryl Grills, Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S.  
Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Excused:           Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Anne S. Hill and  
Commissioner Maxine Russell, M.A., M.S.

Staff present:    Bolaji Famuyiwa, Nyla Jefferson    (14-0288)

Call to Order. (14-0130)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a  
moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the December 18, 2013 Minutes. (14-0131)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner  
Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, the minutes of  
December 18, 2013 were approved.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for January 8, 2014. (14-0138)

**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- From Jailer to Top Cop (January 8, 2014)
- Baca's vexing decision (January 8, 2014)
- Baca's welcome departure (January 8, 2014)
- The county's jails (January 8, 2014)
- What comes after Baca (January 8, 2014)
- Baca plans to retire, sources say (January 7, 2014)
- Sheriff's race thrown open (January 8, 2014)
- Baca's vexing decision (January 8, 2014)
- Social worker's strike having lasting effects on foster care (January 6, 2014)
- Child abuse case prompts suit (January 6, 2014)
- The untouchable sheriff? (January 2, 2014)
- More sheriff hires broke rules (January 4, 2014)

**Daily Breeze:**

- SHERIFF BACA: I AM THE PAST (January 8, 2014)
- Supes to select interim sheriff (January 8, 2014)
- Sheriff Lee Baca leaves a mixed legacy (January 8, 2014)
- Cleaning up LA Sheriff Baca's mess (January 8, 2014)
- New report logs deputy misconduct (January 4, 2014)

The articles submitted by Chairperson Montano that are indicated approve were from the reporting period of January 2 - 8, 2014. In addition, Chair Montano submitted additional articles from December 5-31, 2013.

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3. Treasurer's Report for January 8, 2014. (14-0139)

**There was no Treasurer's Report.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for January 8, 2014. (14-0140)

**Bolaji Famuyiwa, Staff, Commission Services, disseminated the Mileage Certificate Information and prompted the Commissioners to sign and return the Certification of Receipt acknowledging their agreement with the terms indicated in the "Information and Instructions for Permittee Drivers." Also, copies of the Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship Applications were given to Commissioner to handout to youth residing in group homes/camps.**

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on January 8, 2014. (14-0132)

**Not In Compliance:**

- Commissioner Burton visited O'Connor and Atkins Home, Page 28, #3, on January 7, 2014. She indicated that the problems cited on the audit report had not been resolved. The sign-in and out log for each child indicating their whereabouts was set at the door although it was not up-to-date. The Needs and Services Plans (NSP) were not on-site because the administrator was attempting to obtain signatures from the social workers. Commissioner Burton stated that the social workers are not making their monthly visits. However, the youth were excited about past excursions and Christmas. She plans to revisit the group home.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from December 19, 2013 to January 7, 2014. (13-5810)

**During the reporting period, the following Lock up Facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:**

- Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Lomita Sheriff Station on December 27, 2013. The Commissioners reported that the inmates phone system does not function properly or is too complex for easy use by inmates. In addition, the system has not been working properly for an extended time causing a lot of tension for inmates as well as denying them their rights for a phone call. The Commissioners plans to reinspect the facility in 15 days to verify repairs.

**Staff was requested to report the findings to the Board of Supervisors.**

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

- Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Men's Central Jail on December 30, 2013. The Commissioners visited the newly revamped diabetic ward, the remodeled bathrooms, recently installed telephones, the kitchen and roof. They were informed that there is a full-time inmate plumbing crew to address plumbing problems in the facility.

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- Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Men's Central Jail on January 2, 2014. The Commissioners visited the trustee's quarters, laundry room, roof and the fourth floor educational classes. Also reported was that in the past year, additional supervision has been added to each shift. Presently, there are two sergeants for each floor on AM and PM shifts.
  - Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Men's Central Jail on January 3, 2014. The Commissioners visited the 1700 and 1750 high power modules with catwalks which is the location that inmates are housed that are not eligible to be among the general population. They mentioned that there are 750 inmates on medication and 80 are on psychotropic medications.
  - Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Los Angeles Youth Network, Page 25, #1, on December 26, 2013. They reported that the home received an award for its Christmas decorations.
  - Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Dubnoff Center (Clybourn Group Home), Page 14, #1, on December 23, 2013. They reported that the facility was very clean, with excellent staff and youth are taught how to cook.
  - Commissioner Bigby visited San Gabriel Children's Center (RTI/Transitional Living 1), Page 36, #3, on December 20, 2013. She reported that bedrooms one and three need a new mattress (one mattress in each room).
  - Commissioner Bigby visited Children Are Our Future (Howard House), Page 6, #3, on December 24, 2013. She reported that bedroom #3 needs a new mattress and box spring and the hole in the door needs repair. The carpet needs to be replaced and the shower in bedroom #2 needs caulking. Six of the nine problems were corrected. She plans to return in three weeks.
  - Commissioner Bigby visited Sylmar Juvenile Courthouse/Jail on December 31, 2013. She reported that 40-80% of the youth are on mental health medications.
  - Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Lancaster Sheriff Station on December 27, 2013. The Commissioners reported that the radio does not work inside the facility adequately; therefore, an emergency button is used in its place.

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Bourne, Inc. (Bourne, Inc.), Page 2, #2 on January 5, 2014.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0134)

**Commissioner Grills requested the Commission's assistance in obtaining a clearance for a tour of the Men's Central Jail by the South Los Angeles Reintegration Council (Council). The Christmas Eve tour previously scheduled was cancelled because the Council was unable to obtain a clearance. Staff was asked to provide Commissioner Grills with the contact information of the Sheriff Department's SBC Business Meeting liaison. Commissioner Burton offered to provide contact information that may help expedite the request for clearance.**

**Also, Commissioner Grills reminded Commissioners that Janet Teague, Commissioner on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection, will attend the Sybil Brand Commission (Commission) meeting on January 29, 2014 to listen and discuss the concerns of the Commission.**

**Finally, Commissioner Grills expressed interest in participating in the inspections that are conducted at Sheriff lock-ups and juvenile camps. While addressing Chairperson Montaña, she requested Chairperson Montaña to contact Commission members prior to the inspection allowing Commissioners the opportunity to participate in the inspections.**

#### **Public Comment**

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0136)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**9. Adjournment**

Adjournment for the meeting of January 8, 2014. (14-0137)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of January 8, 2014 at 11:33 a.m.**